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what is

#### diabetes?

what you need to know

Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin. Insulin is a hormone. Insulin is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy needed for daily life. The cause of diabetes continues to be a mystery, although both genetics and environmental factors such as obesity and lack of exercise appear to play roles.

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## Target Diabetes

Is a self-management program offered at Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center. We use a team approach of nurses, pharmacists and dietitians to assist you in learning new skills to manage your weight, blood pressure, and cholesterol. Our goal is to increase your knowledge about diabetes so you take control of your blood sugars and your life.

#### How to Enroll

You must be a military beneficiary over the age of 18 to attend the classes. No referral needed, just call the Population Health Center at 288-8136 to register for the class or to see an educator on an individual basis. Adult family members are welcome to attend with you, no children please.



# **Topics Covered:**

- Healthy Eating
- Benefits of Activity
- Monitoring Blood Sugar
- Taking Medications
- Problem Solving

- Healthy Coping
- Slowing the Progression of

Diabetes

Complications

• ABC's of Diabetes



do you know your risk factors

for diabetes?

Pre-diabetes educational classes meet once a month in the Population Health Center, 3rd floor of Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center. Call 288-8136 to schedule. No referral is needed.

### Risk Factors for Diabetes:

- Family history of diabetes
- Obesity
- Lack of exercise
- Females have a higher risk Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome Gestational Diabetes
- Certain Ethnic Groups:
   Hispanic
   Native American
   African-American

